

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA SUPPORTING
THE MIAMI-DADE SEA LEVEL RISE TASK FORCE
RECOMMENDATIONS AND URGING THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO IMPLEMENT SUCH
RECOMMENDATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the world's scientific community has reached consensus that sea levels are rising, causing greater risk of inundation and storm-surge damage; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, its wildlife, natural lands, water supply, vital facilities, and infrastructure are especially vulnerable to the impacts of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, climate scientists and other groups have predicted the potential erosion of dry land and loss of property and natural resources in Miami-Dade County as a result of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, a U.S. Geological Survey study concluded that sea levels along the east coast of the country will rise three to four times faster than the global average over the next century and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has projected that the water around Miami could rise up to 24 inches by 2060.

WHEREAS, parts of Miami-Dade have already experienced an increased frequency of urban flooding caused by higher high tides, elevated groundwater levels, and over-saturated soils, such factors will pose a significant threat to the region's infrastructure and tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force ("SLRTF") reviewed the relevant data and prior studies, assessments, reports, and evaluations of the potential impact of sea level rise on vital public services and facilities, real estate, water and other ecological resources, water front property, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the SLRTF issued a report with their findings on July 1, 2014, that included a comprehensive and realistic assessment of the likely and potential impacts to sea level rise and storm surge over time, to be used to help develop a set of recommendations relative to amendments to the CDMF, capital facilities planning, budgetary priorities and other County programs as necessary to ensure that Miami-Dade County is taking all appropriate actions to reduce its contributions to climate-induced sea level rise and to ensure its resiliency to the increase in sea level rise, storm surge and related impacts which are expected to occur; and

WHEREAS, the SLRTF set forth numerous recommendations in their report that, if followed would aid Miami-Dade County in coping with the inevitable consequences of this measurable reality of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners will discuss the adoption of various resolutions to move the recommendations of the SLRTF into action; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne seeks to work collaboratively and jointly with Miami-Dade County and other jurisdictions to ensure our quality of life and economy is protected; and

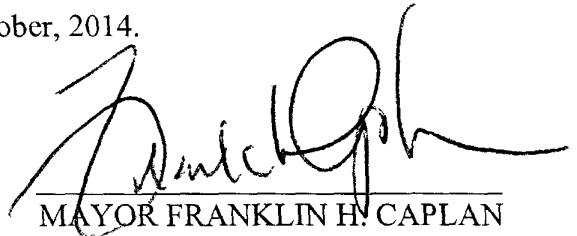
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Village of Key Biscayne supports the adoption of sound resolutions to move the recommendations of the SLRTF into action.


Section 2. That the Village of Key Biscayne urges the Board of County Commissioners to ensure the language contained in the implementing resolutions is action-oriented, to further the process of preparing Miami Dade County and its natural and built environment for the inevitable rise in sea level.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

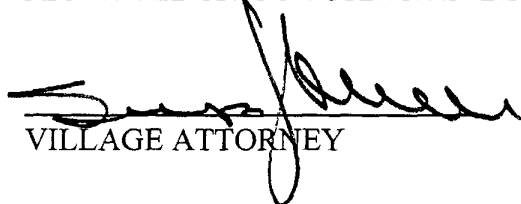
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2014.


MAYOR FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN

ATTEST:


CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, MMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


VILLAGE ATTORNEY

